Administrations and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (e) Most State Governments/U.Ts. including that of Madhya Pradesh, were advised, soon after the enactment of the Essential Commodities (Special Provisions) Act, 1981, inter alia, to constitute Special Courts for trial of offences under the Act.

Increasing the allocation of wheat quota to PDS

437. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government have decided to increase the allocation of wheat quota to PDS in the Capital to mitigate the acute shortage of wheat supplies ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government have also decided to sell Atta (Flour) through Fair Price Shops in the Capital ; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) and (b) The allocation of wheat to the Union Territory of Delhi since July, 1991 is given below :—

(in tonnes)

Month	Quantity of wheat allotted
1	2
July, 91	72000
August, 91	72000
September, 91	72000
October, 91	72000
November, 91.	72000
December, 91	64800
January, 92	64800
February, 92	72000
March, 92	72000

(c) and (d) Delhi Administration has earmarked some quantity of wheat for conversion into wholemeal atta. This atta is distributed to consumers, through Fair Price Shops, as a part of the wheat quota, to provide a facility to consumers. It is priced at Rs. 38/- per bag of 10 Kg.

Shortage of edible oil in Gujarat

438. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat is facing acute shortage of edible oil ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the prices of edible oils have gone sky-high and middle-class people and the poor are suffering ;

(c) what is the requirement of Gujarat for edible oil per month at present ;

(d) how much quantity has been allotted and supplied to Gujarat by Central Government ; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to meet the full requirement of edible oil in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) As per available information edible oilseeds

grown in Gujarat are in excess of the requirements considered in the light of the national average. However, it is a fact that the oilseeds grown in the State are not necessarily processed within the State or even the edible oils produced in the State are not necessarily consumed within the State.

(b) No, Sir. On the other hand, over the year there has been some decline in the prices of edible oils.

(c) On the basis of national per capita consumption of 6.5 kg. per annum, the requirement of Gujarat for edible oils per month works out to around 22,000 MT. However, the requirement of edible oils as communicated by the Gujarat Government for the year 1990-91 basically for PDS purposes was 2.4 lakh MT corresponding to 20,000 MT per month.

(d) The quantity of imported edible oils allocated by the Central Government and the quantity lifted by the State Government in the last two years have been as under :—

Year	Allocation by Central Govt.	Lifting by the Gujarat Government
1989-90	78,450 MT	66,443 MT
1990-91	15,809 MT	,797 MT

(e) In order to meet the requirement of edible oils in the State, the Central Government has been allocating oils for PDS as a supplemental measure. Besides, State Governments have been authorised to directly import edible oils subject to certain conditions.

Distribution of wheat, rice and sugar to poor people

439. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering seriously to provide wheat, rice and sugar through the Fair Price Shops only to the poor sections of the Society ;

(b) if so, the details of the poor sections of the society defined by Government ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the State Governments have agreed to adopt the proposals of the Central Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action of the State Governments in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) to (d) The Public Distribution System is universal in character, and does not distinguish the beneficiaries based on income of occupation. There has been no change in the policy of the Government in this regard.

Irregularities in Delhi Super Bazar

440. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Audit Report 1990-91 on the accounts of the Delhi Super Bazar has revealed gross irregularities resulting in heavy losses;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government have made any inquiry into affairs of the Super Bazar to fix responsibility; and

(d) if so, the outcome there of and the action taken thereon ?